

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

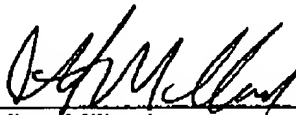
Applicant has rewritten the claims to more clearly claim the invention for which protection is sought. In light of the magnitude of the claim amendments, Applicant submits that the objections raised in relation to the Hayden, Caronni and Li references are moot. More specifically, Applicant has claimed a system for and method of protecting against a coordinated distributed denial of service attack comprising novel and non-obvious hardware and methodology.

In the Final Action, the Examiner noted at the end of the report that the "Applicants have clearly failed to explicitly identify specific claim limitations, which would define a patentable distinction over prior arts." The amended claims have served to overcome this highlighted deficiency. Even taking the broadest interpretation of these claims, the Hayden, Caronni and Li references, whether alone or in combination, cannot be said to teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Based on the above-noted amendments, Applicant submits that the application is now in good order and ready for allowance.

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